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* 1011 *Q*.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to pay the salaries of teachers in aided schools in Malabar by Money Order; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government propose to introduce the above system?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have issued orders for the payment of salaries of teachers in aided elementary schools in Malabar by money order with immediate effect."

* 1012 *Q*.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to change the present system of payments of teaching grants to teachers of aided elementary schools in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Government have ordered the payment of salaries of teachers in aided elementary schools in Malabar by money order."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Considering the low salary of teachers, may I know whether the Government will bear the money order commission? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, teachers would have to incur greater expenditure if they had been asked to go to the Treasury and cash the bills. I do not think it is proper to ask the Government to bear the money order commission."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இதே முறை மற்ற ஜில்லாக்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்கப்படுமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The whole question of payment of salaries is under consideration, by the Elementary Education Committee. After their report, I shall take a decision."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, is it possible to make arrangements through the Post Office for payment of these salaries, without sending money orders, through Savings Bank accounts? " 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I should have it examined whether it is possible."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the money orders sent by any arrangement by the Government with the Post Offices or is it by money being actually taken to the Post Offices and paid there to be sent by money order? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is sent by regular money order in the normal course."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Was not the present system devised to eliminate delay in the previous system of payment and if this system is equally bad, has the Hon. Minister a delay-proof perfect system? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the difficulties of the elementary school teachers are many. It varies from place to place. Therefore we have to make changes so that they may get their salaries regularly. This question is under the consideration of the Government and I am hoping that the Committee which has been appointed to go into the elementary education system will also make some recommendations in this behalf and after that we will take a final decision."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மலபாரில் மாத்திரம் இதுமாதிரி ஒரு பிரத்யேகமான முறையை அனுஷ்டிப்பதற்கும், மற்ற ஜில்லாக்களுக்கு இந்த முறையை விஸ்தரிக்காமல் இருப்பகற்கும் என்ன காரணம் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" மலபாரில் புகார்கள் அதிகமாக இருந்ததினால்தான் அங்கே உடனடியாக இந்த முறையைக் கொண்டுவரவேண்டியிருந்தது."

Minor irrigation works in South Arcot

* 1013 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of estimates regarding minor irrigation works, pending with the Executive Engineer, South Arcot, for his technical approval on this date ; and

(b) the reasons for the pendency?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Fifty.

" (b) The pendency was due to the fact that all the fifty estimates were received in one batch, that there was rush of work in the drawing branch of the Division Office which had two new recruits and that most of the proposals required inspection of tanks before technical sanction could be accorded."

Pariyaram-Neruvambram road

* 1014 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the present stage of the construction of the road from Pariyaram to Neruvambram in Madayi firka, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar ; and

(b) when the construction of the road will be completed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Rough formation of the major portion of the road from Pariyaram to